

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Crime and Disorder Annual Update
Community Safety Partnership Activity Summary in 2017/18**

In June 2017 it was agreed by the Committee that there would no longer be any standing sub-committees and therefore the Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee was dissolved. The HDC Constitution states that monitoring of crime and disorder and community safety matters are within the functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Therefore please see below the following update on the Community Safety Partnership Activity Summary for 2017/18 by the Community Safety Manager.

The attached spreadsheet provides a summary of the Community Safety Partnership activity in 2017/18 across the 3 priority areas being: Road Safety, Vulnerable People and Safer Town Centre. The summary situation by way of crime and disorder for last year is as follows:

- Between March 2017 and February 2018, 6221 crimes were recorded in the Horsham District representing a 13.4% growth over the same period in the year before.
- To provide context Mid Sussex recorded 6548 crimes (10% growth) and Wealden 6454 (23.1% growth)
- In addition to the priorities, members of the Community Safety Partnership have been focussing on Serious Organised Crime and in early 2018 a crime profile for the area revealed the following:
 - Data Overview (numbers rounded up for ease)
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 - 50% of all organised crime groups (OCG's) drug supply is linked to violence
 - 75% of all OCG's are involved in drug supply
 - 75% of Sussex OCG's are linked to powdered cocaine
 - 50% of all OCG's involve money laundering
 - 75% of known OCG offenders are British.
 - 80% of perpetrators are male and the average age is 35 years.
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 - Vulnerabilities
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 - Child sexual exploitation
 - Modern slavery and human trafficking
 - Organised immigration crime
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 - County Line Drug Supply
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 - A network between urban hubs and more rural locations
 - Mobile phone network used to place orders and controlled by a 3rd party at another location
 - Young people being exploited to supply and store drugs
 - Violence / threats used for non-compliance of instructions
 - 60% of those involved use cuckooed addresses to deal from
 - 60% use vulnerable adults to deal drugs
 - In terms of the market, statistically 1 in 12 adults and 1 in 5 young adults have used a controlled drug in the most recent year.

- In 2018/19 the Community Safety Partnership is focussing on 3 priority areas, each of which has a lead agency: Road Safety (West Sussex Fire and Rescue), Vulnerable Young People (Horsham District Council), County Lines Drug Dealing (Sussex Police).

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